



Reflect and discuss

# Ramble on



'Ramble On' was released in 1969 by legendary English rock band Led Zeppelin. Influenced by J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of The Rings*, the song takes us on a journey and challenges us to think about what's important in life.

## Ramble on Lyrics

Leaves are falling all around  
It's time I was on my way  
Thanks to you I'm much obliged  
For such a pleasant stay  
But now it's time for me to go  
The autumn moon lights my way  
For now I smell the rain  
And with it pain  
And it's headed my way  
Ah, sometimes I grow so tired  
But I know I've got one thing I got to do  
Ramble on  
And now's the time, the time is now  
To sing my song  
I'm goin' 'round the world, I got to find my girl  
On my way  
I've been this way ten years to the day  
Ramble on  
Gotta find the queen of all my dreams  
Got no time for spreadin' roots  
The time has come to be gone  
And through our health we drank a thousand  
times  
It's time to ramble on  
Ramble on  
And now's the time, the time is now  
To sing my song  
I'm going 'round the world, I got to find my girl  
On my way  
I've been this way ten years to the day  
I gotta ramble on

I gotta find the queen of all my dreams  
I ain't tellin' no lie  
Mine's a tale that can't be told  
My freedom I hold dear  
How years ago in days of old  
When magic filled the air  
'T was in the darkest depths of Mordor  
I met a girl so fair  
But Gollum, and the evil one  
Crept up and slipped away with her  
Her, her, yeah  
Ain't nothing I can do, no  
I guess I keep on rambling  
I'm gonna, yeah, yeah, yeah  
Sing my song (I gotta find my baby)  
I gotta ramble on, sing my song  
Gotta work my way around the world baby, baby  
Ramble on, yeah  
Doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, my baby  
Doo, doo, doo, doo  
Doodoo dooodoo dooodoo dooodoo dooodoo  
I gotta keep searching for my baby  
(Baby, baby, baby, baby, baby, baby)  
I gotta keep-a-searchin' for my baby  
(My, my, my, my, my, my, my, my, my baby)  
Yeah yeah, yeah yeah, yeah yeah yeah  
Yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah  
I can't find my bluebird  
I listen to my bluebird sing  
I can't find my bluebird  
I keep rambling, baby  
I keep rambling, baby  
Source: [LyricFind](#)



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## Activity steps

1. Play Ramble on.
2. Give each participant a **Ramble on handout**. Walk through the handout, and then play the song again.
3. Arrange participants into small groups or pairs. Ask them to talk about and write answers to the 'reflect and discuss' questions.
4. Debrief with the group.
5. Invite participants to 'get creative' and choose an art activity.

## Reflect and discuss

### Goals

*Ah, sometimes I grow so tired/But I know I've got one thing I got to do/Ramble on  
And now's the time, the time is now/To sing my song  
I'm goin' 'round the world, I got to find my girl/On my way  
I've been this way ten years to the day/Ramble on  
Gotta find the queen of all my dreams*

The singer describes a goal that has been important to him for 10 years.

- How do you feel about the singer's goal and approach to reaching it? What makes you say that?
- On a scale of 1-10, how important is finding 'the person of your dreams'? Why?
- Do you think 10 years is a long time to pursue a goal? Explain.
- What are some of your short- and long-term goals?

### Coping with disappointment

*I met a girl so fair/But Gollum, and the evil one/Crept up and slipped away with her  
Ain't nothing I can do, no/I guess I keep on rambling*

The singer seems to accept his loss and chooses to continue seeking his goal.

- How do you feel about the singer's way of dealing with disappointment? Why?
- Have you ever experienced an obstacle while pursuing a goal? If so, how did you deal with it? If you could go back in time, would you deal with it the same way? Explain.

*And through our health we drank a thousand times/It's time to ramble on*

The singer mentions using alcohol to cope with his disappointments.

- What are the pros and cons of using alcohol or other drugs to manage the ups and downs of life?
- What are some things people can do to reduce the risks of using substances?
- What are other ways to stay steady and motivated to pursue our goals?

### Get creative!

- Write, draw, film or use another art form to reflect your current goals and dreams.
- Identify and present a song of your choice that involves the themes of goals and coping.